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PARIS FOR USOECD AG ATTACHE

USDA FOR WITCHER, FAS

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: EAGR, OECD, BE
SUBJECT: U.S. PARTICIPATION IN OECD FRUIT AND VEGETABLE
SCHEME

REF: (A) STATE 93109, (B) USOECD PARIS TOFAS 45

1. AS REQUESTED REF (A), AG ATTACHE REP INFORMALLY
DISCUSSED EXTENSION OF U.S. DEROGATION WITH VERLINDEN,
DIRECTOR, SERVICE DE PRODUITS DES CULTURES, MINAG.
VERLINDEN INDICATED HE UNDERSTOOD ORIGIN OF 1976 BELGIAN
QUERY ON CONTINUATION U.S. DEROGATION WAS THAT BELGIUM
WANTED TO KNOW WHY U.S. AND CANADA, ALONE AMONG SCHEME
MEMBER COUNTRIES, DID NOT APPLY SCHEME STANDARDS TO THEIR
EXPORTS. VERLINDEN PERSONALLY ACCEPTS THAT U.S. CANNOT
COMPLY, STRONGLY FAVORS CONTINUED U.S. PARTICIPATION IN
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SCHEME AND WOULD PERSONALLY SUPPORT A FIVE-YEAR DEROGATION
EXTENSION WHICH HE UNDERSTANDS OECD WILL PROPOSE IN MAY
MEETING. HE WOULD PERSONALLY EVEN BE WILLING TO CONSIDER
A PERMANENT DEROGATION, BUT ADVISED THAT IT MIGHT BE
DIFFICULT TO REVERSE BELGIAN POSITION SO SOON AFTER
THEIR 1976 RESERVATION. VERLINDEN STRESSED THAT ABOVE

VIEWS ARE NOT OFFICIAL, BUT SAID THAT IN NEXT FEW DAYS HE WOULD RECOMMEND TO HIS MINAG COLLEAGUE (DEBOUVERIE, DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL SERVICES) AND SUPERIOR (STUYCK, DIRECTOR GENERAL, ECON SERVICES) THAT THEY SUPPORT CONTINUED U.S. PARTICIPATION IN SCHEME AND A FIVE-YEAR U.S. DEROGATION EXTENSION, AND THAT HE WOULD LET US KNOW THEIR POSITION. WE WILL REPORT ANY REACTIONS RECEIVED FROM VERLINDEN.

2. IN VIEW PREVIOUS BELGIAN POSITION ON STANDARDS ISSUE, WE SUPPORT USOECD SUGGESTIONS THAT U.S. DEL BE FULLY BRIEFED ON POINTS LISTED FINAL PARA REF (B). OLSEN

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